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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : What is meant by Standard sand? To what use is it put?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Standard sand is used for testing cement and concrete. It is mixed and used for a particular variety of ceramics and so on. It is not really used as sand but it is mixed with something else and used. Hitherto we were importing this sand from England and it is now found that the Ennore sands are of the same quality as the imported sand. The Indian Standard Institute has approved of this sand.

State Transport buses

* 198 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to supply the conductors of the State Transport buses in the City with some contrivance to give moisture to the fingers for the issue of tickets?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir. But instructions have been issued to the conductors not to adopt unhygienic methods for issue of tickets.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What are the definite instructions issued by the Government to the conductors in the matter of the none-use of their saliva for separating tickets?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Those are the instructions given.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : They want moisture. Have the Government provided them, for instance, with a plastic bowl with a sponge just as the conductors in England have got?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is not necessary. It is easily possible to take out a single ticket. I do not think it is so difficult to take out one ticket from the bundle and I do not think it is necessary to give such assistance to conductors for issuing tickets.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not a fact that in banks, the shroffs keep a bowl and a wet sponge is kept near for counting currency notes?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is so.

Allotment of iron and steel

* 199 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the quota of iron and steel allotted to the State during the months of November and December 1960?